

From this, anyone would guess that Timothy could be used for winter games pitches.

*Holcus lanatus* (Yorkshire Fog): in America, known as "velvet grass", but is greatly reckoned to be a weed of turf. How it got the name Yorkshire Fog I do not know, but *holcus* is the old Latin name for a kind of grain and *lanatus* means "woolly", referring to the hairy leaves, or possibly to the softness or woolliness of the grass.

*Anthoxanthum odoratum* (Sweet Vernal): at one time included in seed mixtures for hay because of its fragrant smell. The presence of a substance called coumarin gives the plant this characteristic scent. However, it does not taste so good. *Anthoxanthum* from **anthos**, a flower, and **xanthos**, yellow; *Odoratum*, sweet-smelling.

*Festuca rubra commutata* (Chewing's Fescue): a Mr Chewings first sold this seed in New Zealand. Although this is considered to be one of the first grasses for turf purposes, it is interesting that *Festuca* is the old Latin name for a weedy grass (probably not much good for sheep or goats!). *Rubra*, red, describing the colour of the spikelets, and *commutata*, change or alteration. The varietal name of this grass until recent years was **Fallax**—a Latin word meaning deceitful or false, so it would suggest that it is hard to pin down!

*Deschampsia flexuosa* (Wavy Hair Grass): this is named after a French naturalist, Mr M. H. Deschamps; *flexuosa*, wavy, a good description of the flowering branches.

*Nardus stricta* (Moor Mat grass): the leaves of this species are very hard and brittle, with a lot of vegetative shoots closely packed on short rhizomes. *Nardus*, from **nardos** the Greek name of an aromatic Indian plant, and *stricta*, constricted, referring to the shoots packed together.

Incidentally, I like my own botanical name, *crataegus*. The common name Haw means hedge, referring to its use in hedgemaking.

But *crataegus* comes from the Greek **Kratos**, increasing toughness with age.

I may not be so tough as I used to be, but I like to think I am!

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